

My name is Mary Pat Schroeder and I reside in Cos Cob, CT. My daughter Catherine suffers from multiple food allergies and requires that we have epi-pens with us at all times. Additionally she requires dedicated ones for school, after-school activities and multiple for summer camp. The last two epi-pens we got at the pharmacy cost us \$800 each, and even when we have reached our co-pay they are more than \$200. We routinely have to purchase four-six a year. Epi-pens are not luxury items, they are life-saving treatments that expire regularly. They literally are the only recourse we have to save our child's life. With food allergies estimated to impact 1 in 13 children - that's two in every classroom - millions of families are being faced with staggering and impossible price tags for necessary medical treatment. It is unfathomable and unconscionable that the price for this item is so exorbitant - and I urge the CT legislature to swiftly pass 5386 which limits co-pay for epinephrine ejectors to \$25. With the passage of this legislation, CT will lead the country in putting the life and safety of children first - providing tangible and real benefits to families who face crippling economic hardship just to acquire life-saving medication. Thank you. Mary Pat Schroeder 203-253-7445